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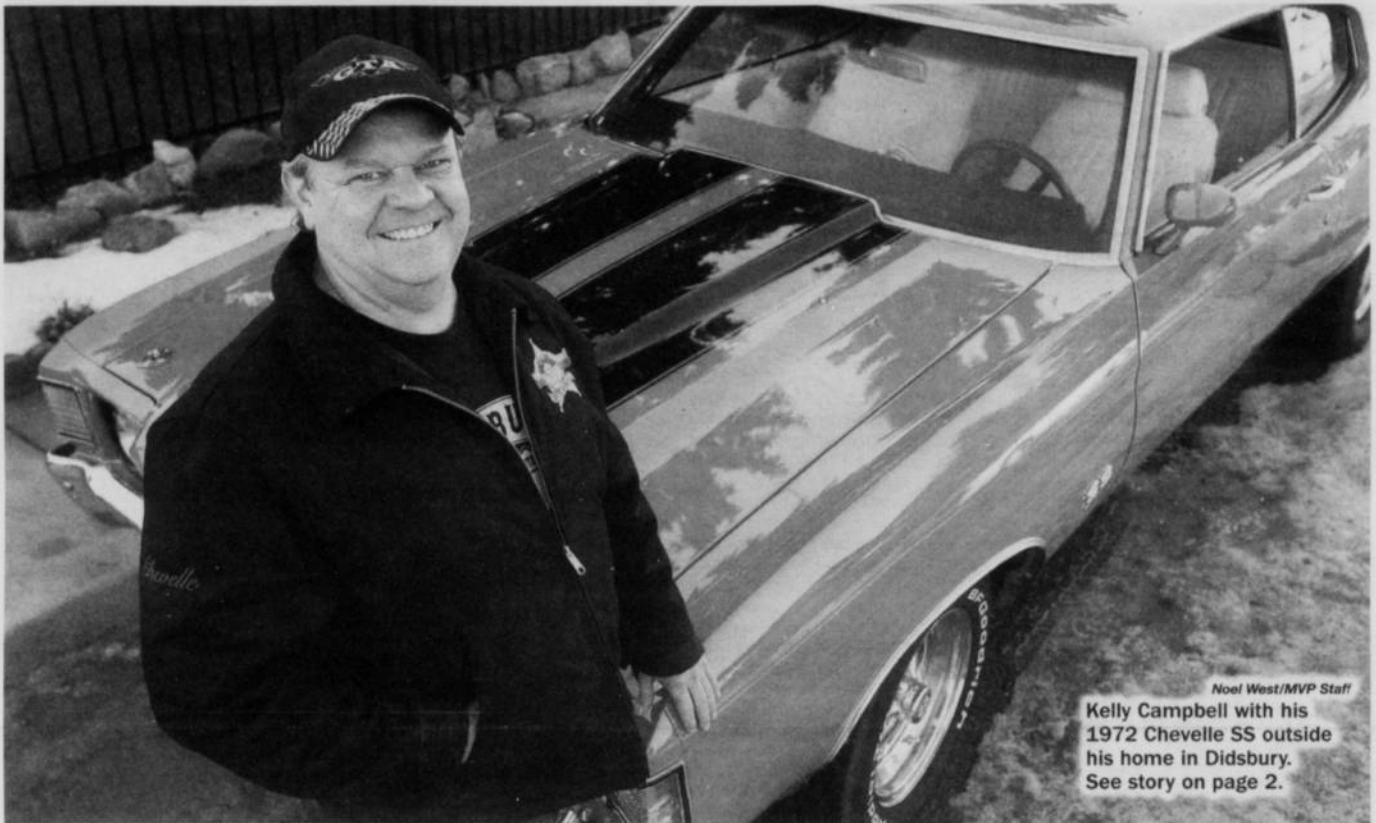
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Kelly Campbell with his 1972 Chevelle SS outside his home in Didsbury. See story on page 2.

PCs link rural and urban values

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

The future of the Progressive Conservative Party rests in its experience of listening to Albertans and creating policy that aligns with the needs and values they express.

Interim party leader Ric McIver, the MLA for Calgary Hays, said in an interview Feb. 11 that PC governments bridged the gap between urban and rural for decades by balancing differing needs and working for mutual respect between urban and rural interests.

Conservatives continue to do that more effectively than other parties, he said.

"The food eaten in urban Alberta comes from rural Alberta. The wealth administered in urban Alberta is produced in rural Alberta," McIver said.

These common interests are the starting point for an urban and rural collaboration to balance the needs of



Terri Kamball/Progressive Conservative Caucus
 Progressive Conservative Party interim leader Ric McIver.

the two, he said.

There are two rural MLAs in McIver's caucus: Wayne Drysdale, a farmer representing Grande Prairie-Wapiti

and Dr. Rich Starkey, a large animal veterinarian elected in Vermillion-Lloydminster.

McIver spent 23 years selling food products - mostly meat - raised in rural Alberta, and garnered eight years of exposure to rural problems as an alderman on Calgary city council through his work on Alberta's municipal associations.

"Good rural or urban policy doesn't need to belong to any political party," he said. It is the product of aligning with "the timeless Alberta values of honesty, integrity and hard work."

"These are also Progressive Conservative values and they are relevant to the political future of the province," McIver said.

After the PCs had formed government for 44 years, the New Democratic and Wildrose parties decimated them in the May 5, 2015 general election.

The Conservatives fell to third party status in the legislature with just 10

seats. On Nov. 23 one of their MLAs, Manmeet Bhullar, was killed in a highway accident.

Leader Jim Prentice quit the party on election night after the results were announced. He is now a visiting fellow in the Canada Institute at the Wilson Center in Washington D.C. and is writing a book on environmental and energy policies.

Immediately following the election there was pressure on the party, spearheaded by defeated PC candidates like Gordon Dirks to join forces with the Wildrose Party.

McIver has been quietly ignoring the "unite the right" merger with the Wildrose official Opposition party. He said in the interview that Wildrose is a rebirth of the Social Credit Party, but declined to be critical of Wildrose leader Brian Jean.

"I am a pragmatic optimist," said McIver. "I hope for the best and work for the best, but I prepare for and can deal with the worst."



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Marque summer ahead for restored muscle car

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

"I have been a car guy all my life," says quiet-spoken Kelly Campbell, a member of the Didsbury

Car Club.

Since he was six years old and walked with his father Ken to his job as a body man at the Brassard Chevrolet Oldsmobile dealership

on 20th Street and on to school on 21st Avenue, Campbell has loved cars.

Cars and the smell of the body filler his father used in his work and he now uses in his hobby.

He used his spending money for car magazines when the other children were buying candy.

Campbell went to Red Deer College to study and qualified as an auto body technician.

He is now an oilfield operator, but for the past eight years has spent his spare time and money restoring a 1972 Chevelle SS 454 from sorry-looking rusting body, filthy engine and torn upholstery.

Campbell said he bought the car, such as it was, 23 years ago and started work on the restoration when he had the time and had saved the money.

It took eight years and the work of half a dozen family, friends and car specialists to complete the restoration, but the Chevelle and Campbell are now on the verge of a marquee summer with the Didsbury Car Club.

He turned his garage into a shop, purchased new body parts from a Saskatchewan supplier and replaced the rusty ones. His brother Kevin Campbell of McMann Auto Body did the painting.

He rebuilt the original motor with the help of machining from Custom Engine Works in Innsfail and Paul Eccles at Ziggy's Rod Shop.

Campbell had Gary Conway in Olds rebuild the transmission.

The details mattered – from the upholstery to getting the sound of the car and the characteristic throb of the engine just the way Campbell heard it in his head. He did that by picking



Courtesy of Kelly Campbell

Kelly Campbell's 1972 Chevelle with all the rusty bodywork and interior upholstery removed in the early stages of the restoration in 2010.



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Kelly Campbell's restored 1972 Chevelle SS 454 on Feb. 9 in Didsbury.

the right cam and the exhaust system.

The car idles with the signature quiver of the muscle car; the sound of impatient 454 horsepower ready to rumble when the brakes are released, the gear is shifted into first and the driver pushes the pedal down.

"My family and friends did not believe this car would ever be put back together," said Campbell.

The 1972 Chevelle will be at the World of Wheels in Calgary Feb.

19-21.

It is the centrepiece of the poster for the 2016 Didsbury Car Club Show 'n Shine and will be one of the marquee cars at Show 'n Shine May 6.

The poster has three eye-catching features. The backdrop is the dragon on the former Didsbury high school's door. Kelly's car is the centrepiece and sitting on the car is a blonde wearing spectacles and short shorts. "I call it the naughty school teacher look," said car club vice-president Dana Munn.

PURPOSE OF STUDY

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday February 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 4:30 pm

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Exiled but forever resolute

Prince Hso Khan Pha, now an Innisfail citizen, says Burma's turn to democracy can't be trusted

BY JOHNNIE
BACHUSKY
MVP Staff

There was a proclamation sent out worldwide last week from south-east Asia that the ancient country of Burma had proudly sworn in its first democratically elected parliament in more than a half century.

However, it meant nothing to an exiled prince living in Innisfail, a man once destined to be a king but who today is passionately resolute his people deserve better.

"It is still a military dictatorship in Burma," said His Royal Highness Prince Hso Khan Pha from his townhouse in Innisfail.

Since 1962, the heavy hand of a military junta had ruled the diverse country of more than 100 ethnic groups, known today as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. It has been consistently condemned across the world for human rights abuses and turning a blind eye to the widening impoverishment of its more than 51 million citizens.

And while the Feb. 1 inaugural session of the 664-seat parliament in Myanmar's capital, Nay Pyi Taw, was marked with a full score of elected men dancing in celebration while wearing traditional orange and red robes, the exiled Innisfail prince says the proclamation is meaningless, nothing more than "window dressing."

"The army still controls everything. They control what happens and what goes on behind the scenes. It's all window dressing," said Hso Khan Pha, who is continuing his half-century mission to fight the military junta and have the Tai people of his homeland, the Shan State in north-western Myanmar, freed from dictatorship. "They (military) still hold 25 per cent of the seats, but they might as well have 100 per cent. It really doesn't matter. It is still a military dictatorship."

Hso Khan Pha said the only just solution he and other Shan State exiles and dissidents will accept is full recognition by the



Noel West/MVP Staff

Hso Khan Pha says he will never return to his homeland until the government of Myanmar recognizes the Union of Burma agreement from 1947 that made all states, including Shan, equal partners.

government of the 1947 Panglong agreement, one that saw the end of British colonization and the securing of a unitary Shan State, a largely rural land, which at 155,801 square kilometres, is the largest of 14 administrative states in the country.

The agreement 69 years ago, which is still marked on Feb. 12 as Myanmar Union Day, also gave the Shan people the right to vote for secession after 10 years.

His father, Sao Shwe Thaik, the last Saopha – or king of the Shan principality of Yawnghwe, became the first president of the Union of Burma, and later the speaker of the state's Chamber of Nationalities. He was forcibly removed from office in March 1962 during the country's military coup. He died the following November while being imprisoned, a death Hso Khan Pha calls "murder." He contends the killing was followed with thousands more, as well as countless rapes, village burnings and numerous other atrocities, at the hands of the military junta.

"The Burmese government never lived up to the agreement that we had with them. As far as I am concerned the treaty doesn't apply and we are not part of Burma," he said, adding the treaty, which his father agreed to, would have made the Shan State an equal partner with the rest of the states in the country.

Hso Khan Pha, whose name translates to English as "Tiger who claws

the heavens", was in university in England at the time of the military coup, which claimed the life of a younger brother, and forcibly scattered the rest of his family, including his mother Sao Nang Hearn Kham, who ultimately settled in Canada and became active in the cause to liberate the Shan people.

Hso Khan Pha, who today is known to many – including friends in Innisfail – as Tiger, became a widely respected geological consultant in the mining and oil and gas industries. He has travelled to many parts of Canada for his professional work. However, his ongoing quest to free the people of the Shan State has been paramount. He has taken the case to many heads of states in western countries, and even to the United Nations. In 2005, Shan State exiles and sympathizers proclaimed him Head of State and President of the Federated Shan States.

Tiger, who is now 77 years old, has been living quietly alone in Innisfail

since 2000. He is semi-retired from his geological consulting work, and once in a while he can be found having a meal at the Innisfail Royal Canadian Legion.

With the battered provincial economy snatching away most work opportunities, he has plenty of time to correspond through emails and letters with Shan State exiles and supporters.

"It costs money, whether you like it or not," said Tiger of his new challenge to secure the necessary money to effectively continue with his sacred Shan State mission.

"If my people get the funding we will continue fighting, even after 200 years, yes, or 300 years or 1,000 years," he emphasized, noting he has never gone back to his homeland since the 1962 junta takeover.

"I don't have to try to keep the cause alive. The cause keeps itself alive," he added. "I don't have to do anything except give it support. It may never be in my lifetime, but history changes."



Submitted photo

The royal family of Yawnghwe in 1952, when Hso Khan Pha, second from left in back row, was 14. His younger brother at far right was shot and killed during the military coup in March of 1962.



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The royal palace in the principality of Yawnghwe where Tiger grew up before the military takeover of the country in 1962.

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Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school in 2007.

In 2007, the two Nova Scotia students decided to take action after witnessing a younger student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. The students bought 50

pink t-shirts and encouraged schoolmates to wear them and send a powerful message of solidarity to the bully.

What is bullying?

Simply put, bullying is a pattern of unwelcome or aggressive behaviour, often with the goal of making others uncomfortable, scared or hurt. It's almost always used as a way of having control or power over their target, and it is often based on another person's appearance, culture, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity. All incidents of bullying are serious and need to be addressed.

Types of bullying

There are four common types of bullying. It's important to identify which type of bullying is impacting your child so you can understand what is happening to them, and what you can do to help your child.

1. Physical - includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching and pushing, or damaging property.
2. Verbal - includes name-calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse.
3. Social & Emotional - also called "relational bullying", includes behavioural actions designed to harm a child's reputation or cause humiliation, like lying and spreading rumours, negative facial gestures, playing mean jokes to embarrass or humiliate a child, mimicking the child in a mean way, encouraging social exclusion of a child, etc.
4. Cyber - includes taunting or humiliation through social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) or the Internet, cruel websites targeting specific youth, humiliating others while playing online games, verbal or emotional bullying

through chat rooms, instant message or texting, posting photos of other youth on rating websites, etc.

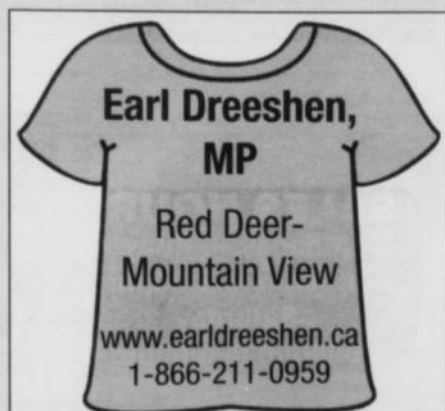
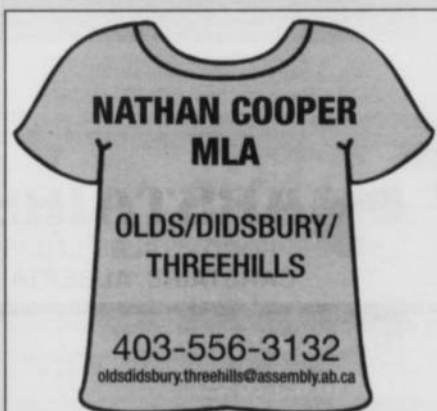
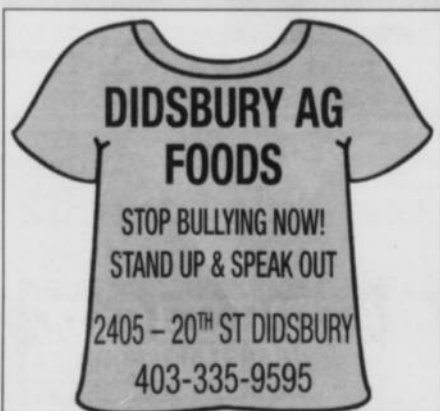
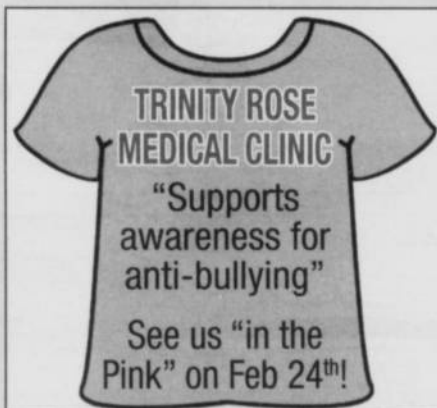
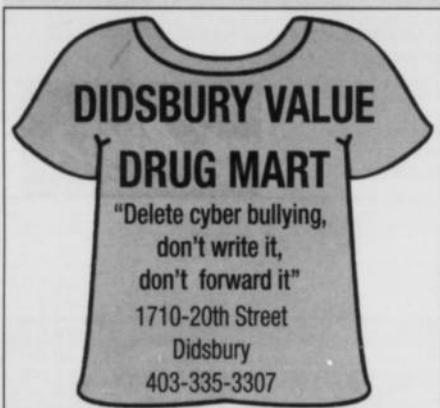
Cyberbullying is the newest of the four bullying types, and it is constantly evolving and changing as new technology and social media sites are introduced. Cyberbullying has expanded the boundary of bullying, allowing kids to be bullied 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of where they are - even in their own bedrooms.

The Effects

The effects of bullying on youth can be traumatic and long-lasting. Victims of bullying can show a range of emotional, behavioural, physical and relationship problems. In extreme cases, bullying can lead to suicide. Bullying is very serious, and its impact on children and youth must be taken seriously.

Some of the common effects of bullying on the child or youth who is bullied include:

- Depression (including sadness, loss of interest in activities)
- Anxiety (tenseness, fear and worries)
- Loss of self-esteem
- Increased levels of aggressive behaviour
- Health problems like headaches, stomach aches
- Loneliness and social anxiety
- Missing school
- Social withdrawal and isolation
- Suicidal thoughts, or suicide (in the most extreme cases)
- Some adults who were bullied in their youth report extended psychological harm into adulthood, like continued distress, self-blame, fear, and internalized problems like depression.



Didsbury lacrosse star drafted to Rockyview Silvertips

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Slight and unassuming Boedy Shields, 16, could pass for the leading chess player at the Didsbury High School but he is an emerging box lacrosse star.

Shields has just been drafted to the Tier 1 Junior B Rockyview Silvertips in the Calgary Roughneck organization.

He also plays field lacrosse with the Mustang Star field lacrosse team. Junior-level box lacrosse is played in the spring and the Mustang field lacrosse program operates in the summer, so the two commitments mesh.

And field lacrosse is the game played in American colleges, so the Mustang program will give Shields the opportunity to play exhibition games and be scouted in the U.S.

The next steps he aspires to are playing for the Junior A Calgary Mountaineers, and winning a scholarship to an American university to play on a National Collegiate Athletic Association team and study sports management.



Courtesy Boedy Shields

Didsbury lacrosse star Boedy Shields, 16, has been drafted to the Rockyview Silvertips, a Tier 1 Junior B lacrosse team and is now a protected player in the Calgary Roughnecks National Lacrosse League organization.

"Lacrosse at this level requires sacrifice," Shields said in a Feb. 10 interview. "It can be tough to fit in school, practice and games."

The Silvertips practice and play in the Spray Lakes Sawmills Family Sports centre in Cochrane; the practices are at 10 p.m. and he drives home and does

his school work afterward - so for at least one night during the week, he doesn't get much sleep. During the season there are as many as four games a week.

Lacrosse is a rough, tough game. The only rule is no hits to the head.

The sole protective equipment is a helmet and face guard, chest protector and arm-length pads.

Shields has been playing lacrosse since he was six, and has had two concussions (and no broken bones) but he uses his speed and agility to play equally against bigger, meaner young men.

"I'm not afraid to go where it is dirty and I know how to protect myself," he said.

Shields said he wants always to be the hardest working player out there.

He says his Silvertip coach Joel Henry, who played professionally for the Calgary Roughnecks in the National Lacrosse League teaches that, "You don't play lacrosse because you want to be rich; you play because you love lacrosse."



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Opinion

Editorial

The across-the-fence recession

According to the trickle-down theory of economics, the wealthy invest in the economy when barriers, like taxes, are eliminated and the production of goods and services takes place.

Grow the supply of goods and services and the economy will grow, the rich will get richer and those at the bottom of the heap will get their trickle.

The way it works is more like crumbs from the table than sharing.

Will Rogers put it succinctly and cynically when he wrote in the Great Depression that "the money was all appropriated for the top in hopes that it would trickle down to the needy."

Here's a variation on the theme: The 2016 recession in rural Alberta is jumping across fencelines and travelling like wildfire.

It moves fast but is invisible.

James Quantz, the Didsbury Will Rogers of this philosophy, digs basements for houses, clears well sites for drilling rigs and does other dirt-moving projects that require his heavy equipment.

If his neighbour who makes survey stakes for the province isn't busy, that means the surveyors for Quantz's basements and well sites aren't working and when his current jobs are finished, Quantz and his heavy equipment operators won't be working.

Already the recession has jumped two fences.

Now if the Quantz family isn't excavating basements, soon the carpenters who frame the houses won't have work.

If the carpenters don't frame the walls, the dry-wallers, electricians and plumbers will be idle.

Several more fences have been breached.

In good times, off-farm incomes like school teaching, oil well operations and such subsidize the farm.

In tough times, the farm subsidizes off-farm businesses. The healthy part of the Quantz operation this winter is Quantz's 120 Angus cattle.

There is an urban parallel to the way rural Albertans are finding income alternatives.

The loss of Alberta corporate oil jobs, numbering 78,000 in the past 14 months, has been cushioned by the entrepreneurial dreams of the unemployed who are creating new businesses at a record pace. This is offset by the creation of 35,000 part-time jobs.

These numbers are from agencies like Statistics Canada, and lag behind fast-moving events.

The job damage in the urban economy is sheltered by hopes and dreams that may become a diversifying force in what seems like a one-note economy.

However, there is desperation to these hopes and dreams and vulnerability to new business plans such as the increases to the minimum wage.

As has been said in this paper several times this year, the price of crude oil, today at US\$27 for West Texas Intermediate and US\$15 for Western Canadian Select, isn't going anywhere soon.

If that forecast is wrong it's too high.

Cattle and grain prices and yields may be of some help, however already the experts are dampening down expectations.

The recession will continue to gallop and leap fences in 2016.

After the community accepts and adjusts to tough times, the test will be how we jump fences to take care of each other.



Commentary

DiCaprio needs chinook lesson

The old saying "with great power comes great responsibility" can be applied to the real world, as well as the Marvel Universe. Instead of Norse Gods and web-slingers, we have pop stars and celebrities enjoying hero status in our modern world.

The message is no less relevant – those with the power to incite change have a responsibility to ensure that they are making positive changes and that they are in the best interests of everyone.

There has been a lot of media attention lately surrounding celebrities speaking out about their pet causes and rallying their fan base to garner support. There is one slight problem with all of this: They often have no qualifications to speak of and as such frequently spread incomplete or incorrect information.

Celebrity personalities like Neil Young, Leonardo DiCaprio and Jenny McCarthy have used their fame to stir up support in hopes of inciting change. But again, what qualifications do these people have?

Young is an artist, DiCaprio is an actor and McCarthy is a former pin-up model. Not one has the education or experience to be delivering speeches about the oil sands, medical practices or climate change. Yet they receive the support that they seek. Their misinformation and skewed rhetoric often stifle discussion and ultimately hinder any real progress when their views clash with industry professionals and people who are experts in those fields.

DiCaprio has been particularly vocal regarding the Alberta "tarsands"; seemingly either oblivious or unconcerned with the fact the oil sands contain no tar whatsoever. It's a misnomer that carries a

negative connotation and in turn affects the opinions of the general population – regardless if the meaning of those words is inaccurate.

Our friend Leo has also been rather outspoken about the weather patterns in Alberta. During the filming of his most recent film *The Revenant* he experienced first-hand Alberta's don't-like-the-weather-wait-five-minutes climate. During filming, a chinook came over the mountains, which he erroneously assumed was proof of climate change, even going as far as calling them "terrifying." One quick tidbit there, Leo – chinooks have been a part of central and southern

Alberta's climate for centuries. Originating from the Chinookan band of indigenous people hailing from the northwestern United States, chinook is a word that First Nations people came to use to mean "snow-eater." It certainly isn't a recent development proving a significant, man-made climate shift.

In our modern age we must base our advocacy and actions on scientific, peer-reviewed and time-tested evidence. Even on topics such as climate change and global warming where the scientific community is still gathering more evidence in order to draw conclusions, it is unwise to jump onto the celebrity bandwagon, grabbing our torch and pitchfork on the way.

Sadly, these celebrities may mean well, but their fervent ignorance is doing more harm than good.

The road to hell, as they say, is paved with good intentions. If these celebrities care enough about their cause, they will educate themselves, rally support for research before drawing conclusions and inciting the masses, and allow the experts in these fields to do what they do best. It's called science.



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